launched an Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme in November, 2004 to further strengthen identification of outbreaks of various water borne and vector borne diseases like Meningitis, hepatitis, Cholera, Typhoid, Measles, malaria, Gatroenteritis etc. so that early intervention could be made and occurrence, disability and death due to such communicable diseases could be reduced.

Fellowship programmes to members of CHS

1919. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued orders regarding the opportunities to be availed by the members of Central Health Service for fellowship programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the non-technical and non-medical staff of the C.H.S. are permitted to avail of any number of fellowships without limit, while such opportunity is limited to once only during a doctor's whole service career; and

(d) the reasons for this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Applications are invited every two years *i.e.* on biennium basis, from the officers of Central Government/State Govts/Union Territories/Public Sector undertakings of Centre/State, for granting World Health Organization (WHO) fellowship for various categories of programmes covering medical and otehr relates subjects. The eligibility conditions for such fellowship, *inter-alia* provides that the applicant should not have availed training under WHO fellowship during the last five years. This condition is applicable to all officers including those belonging to Central health Service. Last programme of WHO fellowship for 2004-05 biennium have already been completed The applications for the programme for biennium 2006-07 is yet to be announced.